



NOTTINGHAM ACADEMY MASTER PLAN

Buffalo, New York

Owner / Client: Nottingham Academy

Area: 8,700 square feet

Cost: \$ 850,000

Nottingham Academy, founded as a private Catholic high school for young women, offered its community the unique approach to learning and advancement based on placing students in a subject-level learning group rather than an age group.

In 1963 Nottingham Academy approached TRM for assistance in developing a master plan for their existing multi-building high school campus. The school site was in an exclusive city neighborhood consisting of turn of the 19th century stone mansions and large mid-19th century homes.

With this unique approach in mind, TRM assessed the campus, the building needs, and related the final design to the sensitivity of the neighborhood. The first priority was to build a multipurpose facility to house the gymnasium/auditorium and swimming pool. The large volumes of these spaces required special design considerations to fit them to the scale and architecture of the neighborhood. An elongated mansard roof was selected to be the answer. It was chosen to hover over a four-foot masonry wall above the ground to hide the usual 24' high sterile masonry walls that would not have otherwise fit aesthetically within the neighborhood.

The intended plan for the completed project was to include a public entrance serving both facilities while reducing the visual scale of the project. This would allow the facility to be completed at a later date when funding was available.



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